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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently Amended) Means for fastening, securing or clamping goods or for securing a person, such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, <u>or</u> safety harness-or the like, with an information medium <u>permanently</u> attached thereto, wherein the information medium consists of at least one identification medium an insert having high tear strength and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the identification medium, joined as a unit.
- 2. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 1, wherein it the identification medium is rigidly connected to the information medium.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 2, wherein it the identification medium is sewn to the information medium.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Means according to claim 1, wherein it-the identification medium is glued and/or riveted to the information medium.
- 5. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is readable.
- 6. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 5, wherein the identification medium is machine-readable.
- 7. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert has a higher tear strength than the identification medium.
- 8. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert consists of a technical textile, especially a fabric.
- 9. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert is strip-shaped.

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- 10. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the insert acts on both sides as a carrier of identification media.
- 11. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is rigidly connected, especially sewn and/or riveted and/or glued, to the insert.
- 12. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein only a portion of the information medium is connected directly to the fastening or clamping means.
- 13. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is a tube or a film.
- 14. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is made of plastics material, especially of polyethylene (PE) or of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
- 15. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is transparent.
- 16. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a label provided with information.
- 17. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is a transponder.
- 18. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the identification medium is carried by the insert.
- 19. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 1, wherein the protective casing is formed as a protective layer with which the identification medium is covered.
- 20. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 19, wherein the protective layer is a flexible plastics material.
- 21. (Previously Presented) Means according to claim 20, wherein the flexible plastics material is a silicone or polyurethane.

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- 22. (Previously Presented) Means according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein all layers of the information medium are surrounded by the protective casing.
- 23. (Currently Amended) Means according to any one of the preceding claims 1-21, wherein the protective casing is made of a UV-resistant material.
- 24. (Currently Amended) Information medium for marking <u>and permanently attached to a means</u> for fastening, securing or clamping goods, such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, <u>or safety harness or the like</u>, wherein it consists of at least one respective identification medium, an insert having high tear strength and a protective casing, which surrounds at least the identification medium, and is joined as a unit independently of the means.